

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are now active in this application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

I. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Koyama (USPN 7,006,096).

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama as applied to claim 1, in view of Desai (USPN 6,282,328).

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama in view of Hill et al. (USPN 6,243,070).

II. All claims rely upon Koyama (USPN 7,006,096), which was filed in the U.S. on January 9, 2002. The present application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP03/01818, filed in Japan on February 19, 2003, both of which claim priority of Japanese Application 2002-48258, filed in Japan on February 25, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a 131 Declaration that is being sent to Satoshi Okada in Japan for execution. The executed copy of the 131 Declaration will be forwarded upon receipt. In the Declaration, Mr. Okada declares:

1. He is the Inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406

2. He is aware of the prosecution history of United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406, which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2005, based upon International Application PCT/JP03/01818 filed in Japan on February 19, 2003, and that a

claim of Priority of Application No. 2002-48258, filed in Japan on February 25, 2002 was claimed under 35 USC § 119 in United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406.

3. The subject matter of United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406 is included in Application No. 2002-48258, filed in Japan on February 25, 2002.

4. To his knowledge, and in view of the factual evidence supplied, the present invention was conceived in Japan prior to January 9, 2002, the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 7,006,096. This fact is evidenced by the attached copy of a PROPOSAL OF AN INVENTION (an English translation of which is attached also) which he prepared as to Japanese Application No. 2002-48258, and the attached translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-48258. The copy of the PROPOSAL OF AN INVENTION includes the following:

(i) A cover sheet including a preparation date which is prior to January 9, 2002; Title of the invention: Character Display Apparatus, Character Display Method, Recording Medium, and Program; reference No. of 01J04534; Names of Inventor: OKADA, Satoshi; A short summary; A stamp by IP section showing it was received on a date which is prior to January 9, 2002; A stamp by KOTANI, Akio who is a chief of the inventor's section; (A stamp by NISHITANI, Motohide, who is a person in charge of the IP section of SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA).

(ii) An assignment executed by Satoshi Okada showing a date which is prior to January 9, 2002 (copy to follow).

(iii) The specification draft, the first page thereof showing the reference No. of 01J04534 (English translation enclosed).

(iv) Thirteen (13) sheets of drawings including Figs. 1-13 (English translation enclosed).

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5. That all the above identified acts were carried out in Japan, a WTO member country.

In view of the enclosed 131 Declaration, Koyama (USPN 7,006,096), which was filed in the U.S. on January 9, 2002, is not prior art as to the present application. Consequently, withdrawal of the above rejections of claims 1-6 and 8 is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise Reg. No. 34,523 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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